



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/681,497
Applicant : Stephen G. Bales
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Title : Lignocellulosic, Borate Filled, Thermoplastic Composites
Examiner: Matthew J. Daniels
Art Unit : 1732
Docket No. : LA 001
Customer No. 000048373

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of July 13, 2006, please amend the above application
as follows:

AMENDMENTS

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2. These amendments eliminate all new
issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Claims 2 and 17 are
rewritten in the independent form as authorized by 37 CFR 41.33; in both claims the
ranges have been returned to the original values.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6. The arguments include the item 8 rejection of
the Advisory Action and provide rationale for entry of the document at issue, the affidavit
of June 19, 2006 into the record. They also include arguments to include additional
evidence into the record based on the final rejection received in the April 5, 2006 OA.

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